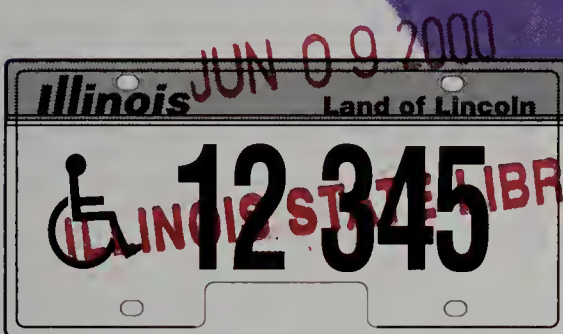


Parking Program for Persons with Disabilities



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JESSE WHITE
Secretary of State



A Message from the Secretary

Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to provide you this brochure, which answers frequently asked questions about the Secretary of State's persons with disabilities parking program. It also offers guidelines on how to determine your eligibility for these special parking privileges.

I realize how important this program is to many residents of Illinois and how it helps persons with disabilities stay active, independent and mobile. This brochure gives you a better understanding of the program and of my office's commitment to ensuring that those who qualify to use these reserved parking areas will have the accessibility they rightfully deserve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse White". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

Jesse White
Secretary of State

Who is eligible for persons with disabilities parking placards or license plates?

Parking privileges are available for both those with permanent and temporary disabilities who:

- Cannot walk more than 200 feet without stopping to rest.
- Cannot walk without the use of, or assistance from, a brace, cane, crutch, another person, prosthetic device, wheelchair or other assistive device.
- Are restricted by lung disease to the extent that the person's forced respiratory volume for one second is less than one liter, or the arterial oxygen tension is less than 60 mm/hg on room air at rest.
- Use portable oxygen.
- Have a cardiac condition with functional limitations classified as Class III or Class IV, according to standards set by the American Heart Association.
- Are severely limited in ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological or other orthopedic condition.

How do I apply for the persons with disabilities parking placard or license plates?

You must complete an application available from either your local Secretary of State Driver Services facility or the Non-Standard Plates Section, 501 S. Second Street, Springfield, IL 62756.

A licensed physician must certify on the application that you have one of the qualifying disabilities. You must also

include your Social Security Number, either a driver's license number or ID number, and the vehicle identification number and plate number for the vehicle(s) you normally use for transportation.

Can family members use my placard or plate privileges when I am not in the car?

No. State law requires that the authorized holder be present when parking privileges are used. Using a placard or plate when the holder is not present could result in a \$100 fine. Loaning a placard to another person to use is a Class A misdemeanor and can result in a 30-day driver's license suspension.

When will my parking placard expire?

Permanent placards are good for up to four years. Current permanent placards expire April 30, 2002. Temporary placards are good for the length of time of the disability indicated by the certifying physician on the application, not to exceed six months if issued by the Secretary of State and 90 days if issued by local government.

What are the angled lines next to the designated parking space, and may I park there?

Vertical lines next to the parking space indicate an access aisle for vehicles with chair lifts. Parking is not permitted in the access aisle. By doing so, someone may be unable to enter or exit their vehicle, and you can be ticketed.

What are the penalties for misusing the parking placard or license plates?

Following are **Class A misdemeanors** and can result in a fine of up to \$1,000 and a 30-day driver's license suspension:

- Providing false information on an application.
- Assisting someone in providing false information on an application.
- Loaning a parking placard for someone to park illegally in an accessible space.
- Altering a parking placard.

Following are **Class 4 felonies** and can result in a \$10,000 fine and a 30-day driver's license suspension:

- Using a fake parking placard.
- Making a fake parking placard.
- Selling or otherwise distributing a fake parking placard.

Using a placard to park free in a metered space without the disabled person present can also result in a \$100 fine.

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How are parking privileges protected for persons with disabilities?

- Law enforcement officers have the authority to enforce parking laws on private property, such as at malls or grocery stores.
- Police may confiscate a parking placard if they believe it is being used illegally.
- The placard number will enable a law enforcement officer to verify who the placard holder is.

For more information on the Persons with Disabilities Parking Program, please contact:

**Office of the Secretary of State
Non-Standard Plates Section
Department of Vehicle Services**

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